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SUBJECT : AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT DIALOG  
WITH MIDDLE EAST PERSONALITIES

1. THERE IS ACTIVE AND ALERT GROUP OF ABU GRADUATES IN QATAR. THEY ARE MOSTLY PALESTINIANS AND LEBANESE WHO ARE WORKING BOTH IN PRIVATE SECTOR AND FOR GOQ. MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP HAVE ALREADY BEEN ACTIVE IN INTRODUCING AUB IN EDUCATIONAL FIELD HERE. AS RESULT OF THEIR EFFORTS, AUB HAS RECENTLY SIGNED CONTRACT WITH GOQ TO TRAIN QATARI HEALTH TECHNICANS. CHALABI WILL MOST PROBABLY BE IN TOUCH WITH THIS GROUP DURING HIS DOHA VISIT, AND IT COULD PROVIDE LEADS ON APPROPRIATE PERSONALITIES TO INVITE TO PROPOSED AUB CONFERENCE. IF CHALABI GETS IN TOUCH WITH US, WE WILL ADVISE HIM TO CONSULT WITH AUB GRADUATES HERE IF HE ALREADY HAS NOT DONE SO.

2. OUR OWN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PERSONALITIES FROM QATAR TO BE INVITED ARE:

A. ISSA KAWARI, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND DIRECTOR OF AMIR'S OFFICE. KAWARI IS A AUB GRADUATE AND IS PERHAPS THE QATARI WHO IS CLOSEST PERSONALLY TO THE AMIR. HE WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT PARTICIPANT IF AUB COULD CONVINCE HIM TO ATTEND CONFERENCE.

B. HISHAM QADDUMI. QADDUMI TOO IS AUB GRADUATE. HE IS A PALESTINIAN WHO JOINED AMIR'S STAFF AS TECHNICAL  
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ADVISOR LAST SUMMER. HE IS ARCHITECT AND CIVIL ENGINEER

BY PROFESSION, ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AND WORKED FOR SEVERAL YEARS FOR BROWN AND ROOT IN HOUSTON. HE IS INTELLIGENT AND IMAGINATIVE AND IS INCREASINGLY INFLUENTIAL IN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING HERE.

C. DR. MOHAMMAD KAZEM. KAZEM IS DEAN OF THE NEW QATAR UNIVERSITY. A EGYPTIAN, HE DID GRADUATE WORK IN U.S. AT KANSAS UNIVERSITY. ALTHOUGH QUITE CONSERVATIVE IN HIS OUTLOOK, HE IS AT THE SAME TIME ORIENTED TO U.S. EDUCATIONAL METHODS.

D. DR. ABDULLAH AL BAKIR. BAKIR IS THE ONLY QATARI MEDICAL GRADUATE. HE IS CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF THE HOSPITAL AND DIRECTOR OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH. HE IS PROGRESSIVE AND ALREADY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH AUB EFFORTS HERE.

E. MOHAMMAD YUSIF. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY. A UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO GRADUATE, YUSIF IS ONE OF BRIGHT YOUNG QATARIS WHO WILL PLAY AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY.

3. AFTER ABOVE DRAFTED, WE LEARNED THAT CHALABI HAD VISITED DOHA AND HAD INVITED ISSA KAWARI TO AUB CONCLAVE TO BE HELD JANUARY 5. CHALABI DID NOT RPT NOT CALL AT EMBASSY. KAWARI IS CERTAINLY BEST CHOICE IF THERE TO BE ONLY SINGLE INVITEE FROM QATAR. HOWEVER, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR AUB TO BE AWARE OF OTHERS NAMED ABOVE SHOULD A FOLLOW-UP AND LARGER GET-TOGETHER BE CONTEMPLATED. PAGANELLI

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